

**NATIONAL PRIORITIES LIST (NPL)**

\*\*\*Proposed Site\*\*\*

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**DELTA SHIPYARD** | **Houma, Louisiana**  
*Terrebonne Parish* **Site Location:**

The former Delta Shipyard is located at 200 Dean Court in southeastern Houma, Terrebonne Parish, Louisiana. The facility is located in a mixed industrial and residential area south of the city of Houma, Louisiana.

 **Site History:**

Delta Shipyard was a cleaning and repair facility for small cargo boats, fishing boats, and oil barges. Oily waste from the cleaning process was stored in several unlined earthen pits used as evaporation ponds. These pits were reportedly also used to dispose of oil field drilling material. Delta Shipyard was owned by Delta Ironworks, Inc. The entire property consisted of 165 acres and was home to seven divisions of Delta Ironworks, including Delta Shipyard. During the 1970s and 1980s, the property changed hands through several mergers and sales. In January 2012, the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality asked the EPA for assistance in evaluating this site.

 **Site Contamination/Contaminants:**

Wetlands are contaminated with arsenic, antimony, anthracene, barium, benzene, cadmium, chromium, ethylbenzene, fluorene, lead, manganese, mercury, 2-methylnaphthalene, naphthalene, phenanthrene, pyrene, o-xylene and m,p-xylene to the surface water pathway. In addition, three evaporation pits containing greater than 30,000 cubic yards of hazardous material are located in a wetland and may potentially release waste to nearby waterways.

 **Potential Impacts on Surrounding Community/Environment:**

Large volumes of waste remain on site, and hazardous substances have been found in ground water, surface water and soil. The closest residential property is located approximately 400 feet west of the open pits. Without remediation of the site, additional releases to ground water, surface water and soil will continue to occur.

 **Response Activities (to date):**

No response actions have taken place.

 **Need for NPL Listing:**

The site was referred to the EPA in 2012 from the state of Louisiana. Without listing the site, contamination will continue to pose a risk to human health and the environment. Other federal and state cleanup programs were evaluated, but are not viable at this time. The EPA received a letter of support for placing this site on the NPL from the state.

*[The description of the site (release) is based on information available at the time the site was evaluated with the HRS. The description may change as additional information is gathered on the sources and extent of contamination. See 56 FR 5600, February 11, 1991, or subsequent FR notices.]*

For more information about the hazardous substances identified in this narrative summary, including general information regarding the effects of exposure to these substances on human health, please see the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) ToxFAQs. ATSDR ToxFAQs can be found on the Internet at <http://www.atsdr.cdc.gov/toxfaq/index.asp> or by telephone at 1-888-42-ATSDR or 1-888-422-8737.